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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Union Government has announced incentives to get more girls to attend school, including free education and scholarships;

(b) if so, the other steps being taken in this regard;

(c) the extent in which this would help bring the boy-girl ratio at par; and

(d) the time by which these incentives will come into force?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) Finance Minister in his budget speech 2006-07 has, inter alia, made the following announcement:

"I propose to provide a further incentive to the girl child who passes the VIII Standard Examination and enrolls in secondary school. A sum of Rs.3,000/- will be deposited in her name, and she would be entitled to withdraw it on reaching 18 years of age."

As per a new Scholarship scheme introduced by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) from the academic session 2006-07, a girl studying in a school affiliated to CBSE who is the only child of her parents and who secures 60% or more marks in class X examination for the year 2006 onwards would be given scholarship of Rs.500/- per month for studying in classes XI and XII in a CBSE affiliated school which charges tuition fee of not more than Rs.1000/- per month during the academic year 2005-06.

All Kendriya Vidyalays provide fee waiver to single girl children from Classes VI to XII.

(b) The following schemes are also being implemented by this Ministry to promote girls' education :-

i) Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya.

ii) National Programme on Education for girls at Elementary Level.

iii) Mahila Samakhya Scheme.

iv) Strengthening of Boarding of Hostel facilities for girl student of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools.

(c) Reduction of gender disparities in enrollment depends on several social and economic factors.

(d) A concept note has already been sent to the Planning Commission to implement Finance Minister's budget announcement. Other schemes are already being implemented.